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S E C R E T RABAT 1007

FOR AF AND NEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, SS, MR, MO, AG

SUBJECT: SAHARA: U.S. ATTENDANCE AT SAHARA-RELATED FUNCTIONS

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 362

1. REFTEL RAISES QUESTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE MAY BEST BE LEFT UNANSWERED AS THE SAHARA SITUATION EVOLVES. THE GOM HAS NEVER PLACED FOREIGN REPRESENTATION IN A POSITION WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A STANCE IMPLYING RECOGNITION, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF FESTIVITIES, NOTABLY NOVEMBER 76 CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING GREEN MARCH, HAVE SKIRTED THE ISSUE. IN EACH CASE WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH OUR AMBASSADORIAL COLLEAGUES AND HAVE COLLECTIVELY DETERMINED THAT ATTENDANCE WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE POSITIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, I.E., THAT ATTENDANCE IN NO WAY IMPLIED RECOGNITION OF SOVERIEGNTY. GIVEN HIGH SENSITIVITY OF EEC AMBASSADORS ON THIS SUBJECT WE HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE A GOOD BAROMETER GOVERNING OUR OWN APPROACHES.

2. WHATEVER INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ISSUES WITH REGARD TO PARA 4

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REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT THE LESS SAID BY WAY OF EXPLANATION TO THE MAURITANIANS THE BETTER. THIS POLICY HAS SERVED US WELL TO DATE AT LEAST HERE, AND WE BELIEVE THIS ISSUE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE LEFT AMBIGUOUS.

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